CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for a knowledgebase framework, comprising the steps of:

   (a) obtaining information from at least one source utilizing a network;

   (b) generating an index for the obtained information, wherein the generated index comprises a plurality of items each associated with at least some of the obtained information;

   (c) displaying the index to a user utilizing the network;

   (d) permitting the user to select an least one of the items of the index; and

   (e) displaying the information associated with the selected item to the user utilizing the network.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one source comprises an internal source.

3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one source comprises an external source accessible utilizing a wide are network.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information obtained from the sources includes pharmaceutical information.

5. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of monitoring at least one of the sources utilizing the network for updated information relating to at least one of the items of the index, generating a notice regarding the updated information, and transmitting the notice to the user utilizing the network.

6. A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the user selects the at least one source to be monitored.

7. A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of permitting the user to input a search term utilizing the network, searching the index for items associated with the search term, and displaying items of the index associated with the search term to the user utilizing the network.

8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein displaying the information associated with the selected item or entry to the user includes utilizing the network to retrieve the associated information from the source from which the associated information was obtained.

9. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is capable of communicating using TCP/IP protocol.

10. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for a knowledgebase framework, comprising:

(a) a code segment that obtains information from at least one source utilizing a network;

(b) a code segment that generates an index for the obtained information, wherein the generated index comprises a plurality of items each associated with at least some of the obtained information;

(c) a code segment that displays the index to a user utilizing the network;

(d) a code segment that permits the user to select an least one of the items of the index; and

(e) a code segment that displays the information associated with the selected item to the user utilizing the network.

11. A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the at least one source comprises an internal source.

1 12. A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the at least one source
2 comprises an external source accessible utilizing a wide are network.

1 13. A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the information
2 obtained from the sources includes pharmaceutical information.

1 14. A computer program as recited in claim 10, further comprising a code
segment that monitors at least one of the sources utilizing the network for
3 updated information relating to at least one of the items of the index, a code
4 segment that generates a notice regarding the updated information, and a
5 code segment that transmits the notice to the user utilizing the network.

1 15. A computer program as recited in claim 14, wherein the user selects the at
2 least one source to be monitored.

1 16. A computer program as recited in claim 10, further comprising a code
segment that permits the user to input a search term utilizing the network, a
3 code segment that searches the index for items associated with the search
4 term, and a code segment that displays items of the index associated with the
5 search term to the user utilizing the network.

1 17. A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein displaying the
2 information associated with the selected item or entry to the user includes
3 utilizing the network to retrieve the associated information from the source
4 from which the associated information was obtained.

1 18. A computer program as recited in claim 10, wherein the network is capable
2 of communicating using TCP/IP protocol.

19. A system for a knowledgebase framework, comprising:

2   (a)   logic that obtains information from at least one source utilizing a network;

3   (b)   logic that generates an index for the obtained information, wherein the

4   generated index comprises a plurality of items each associated with at least

5   some of the obtained information;

6   (c)   logic that displays the index to a user utilizing the network;

7   (d)   logic that permits the user to select an least one of the items of the index; and

8   (e)   logic that displays the information associated with the selected item to the

9   user utilizing the network.

1   20.   A system as recited in claim 19, further comprising logic that monitors at

2   least one of the sources utilizing the network for updated information relating

3   to at least one of the items of the index, logic that generates a notice

4   regarding the updated information, and logic that transmits the notice to the

5   user utilizing the network.